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Applicants: Collins, et al.

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Filed: October 16, 2000

Examiner: David Lukton

For: Cobalamin Conjugates Useful as Antitumor Agents.

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

November 12, 2002

**Second Amendment and Response to Office Action**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 11, 2002, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks. A Petition for a two month extension of time to respond to this action, to and including November 12, 2002 (November 11, 2002, is a federal holiday), is attached, along with the \$200.00 extension of time fee.

**In the Claims**

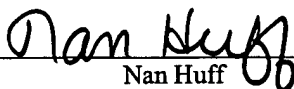
Please amend claims 1 and 9 as indicated in the attached REPLACEMENT CLAIM SET and VERSION OF CLAIMS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.

**Remarks**

**Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 112**

The Office Action rejects claims 9, 43, and 50 because the claims use the term about when describing the recited numerical range. In response, Applicant has removed the term "about" from the beginning of the range recited in claim 9, because the range began with the integer 1. However, Applicant has not removed other instances of the term from the claims

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